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# The Tennessee House of Representatives Welcome

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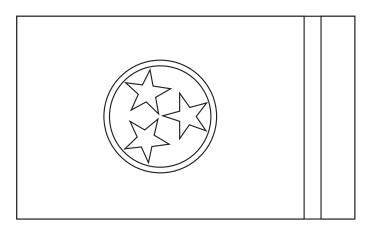
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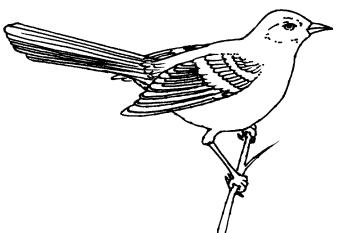
House Chamber



#### Tennessee State Seal

According to the Tennessee Constitution, "there shall be a seal of this state, which shall be kept by the governor, and used by him officially, and shall be called 'the Great Seal of the State of Tennessee'."





#### Tennessee State Bird-The Mockingbird

The mockingbird was selected on April 11, 1933 as the official state bird. The mockingbird is ashen gray in color with darker white edged wings and whitish underparts. It has a melodious song of its own but is noted for the ability to mimic the songs of other birds.

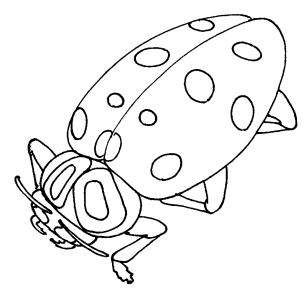


#### Tennessee Bicentennial Emblem

The Tennessee Two Hundred emblem was designed as the official symbol of the 200th birthday of the State of Tennessee. It pictures the State's Capitol and the number 200 in honor of the two hundred years of statehood. 1996 is Tennessee's 200th birthday.

#### Tennessee State Flag

The State Flag was adopted as the official flag by the Legislature in 1905. It was designed by LeRoy Reeves of the Tennessee Infantry. The three stars are of pure white, representing the three grand divisions of the State. They are bound together in unity by the endless circle of the blue field. The large field is crimson. The first stripe is white; the second is blue.



#### Tennessee State Insect-The Ladybug

The ladybeetle, more commonly known as the ladybug, is brightly colored, round and has four black spots on its back. Ladybugs are used by farmers to control insect pests. In folk medicine they were used to cure various diseases.

#### Tennessee State Motto

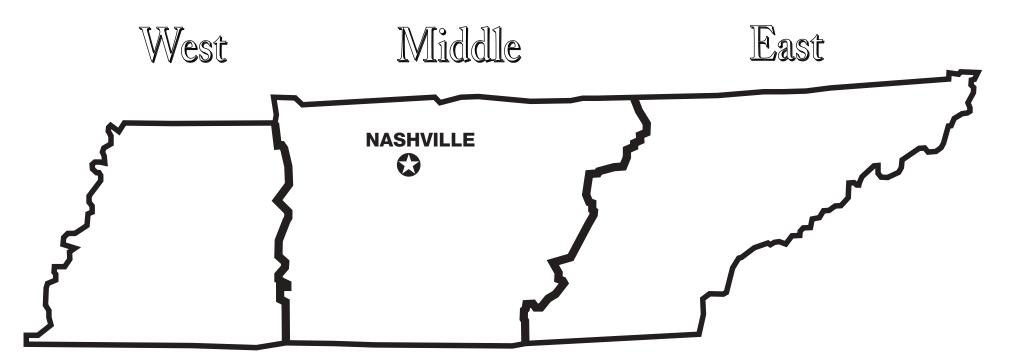
#### "Agriculture and Commerce"

The state motto was taken from the wording used on the State Seal.

#### Tennessee State Slogan

#### "Tennessee—America at Its Best"

This slogan was adopted in 1965 by the Tennessee General Assembly.



#### Tennessee's Three Grand Divisions

Tennessee is geographically divided into three grand divisions. East, Middle and West Tennessee each offer unique geography, customs and history which combined give Tennessee its special heritage.

## The Volunteer State

Cultivated Flower—The Iris

There are around 170 types of iris in North America. The purple iris is considered to be the state flower, although the act naming it did not specify a particular color. It grows abundantly across Tennessee and is often referred to as the Tennessee iris.

#### Agricultural Insect - The Honey Bee

The official state agricultural insect is the honey bee. It was designated by public chapter 725 of the Acts of 1990. The honey bee is a social, honey producing insect that plays a role in the production of all crops. It is also popular for its production of beeswax and honey.

